

## **April MLGB Neighbourhood Forum Meeting Notes** **Thursday 29 April, 6-7pm**

**Chaired by Helen Moore and Kat Zamri-Peel (East Street Arts)**  
**11 people in attendance (3 residents and 8 organisations)**

### **Forum meetings:**

A brief discussion was held on how we will run forum meetings for the next few months to suit different people's needs:

- Some residents prefer in person and it would be great if we can accommodate children/families too
- We did an outdoor picnic meet up last weekend which 3 residents attended.
- We will try another outdoor meeting
- Aware we can't suit everyone's needs but will try to be as flexible as possible

### **Member updates:**

Forum members gave an update on what had been happening in the neighbourhood:

- Sheila Davenport who represents Burmantofts Senior Action informed the forum that the BSA group were starting to do more and regain confidence for being out and about which was good to see.
- Abbie Miladinovic from Leeds City Council Planning Team updates she would be spreading the word about the forum at an upcoming meeting presentation
- Kevin O'hare from Leeds City College updated on a billboard project with Eastside
- Discussion around how to access the neighbourhood notice boards - Michelle Honey was recommended as a contact

### **Forum Designation Application:**

It is time to apply for our forum designation! Emma Lewis from Leeds City Council Planning Team went through the process of what goes into the application.

Some feedback from residents who attended the picnic event:

### **What aims should the forum have?**

- Lots of communities - should be celebrated
- Support for families - housing, activities

### **What values should the forum have? E.g. openness, inclusion, fairness?**

- Inclusion
- Fairness
- Equality
- Respectful of all
- No expectation that people speak English

### **What are the strengths of the neighbourhood?**

- People look out for each other
- People know each other
- Lots of different communities, foods, languages

**Member statement:**

Kat has drafted a member statement - please see separate document and do let us know your feedback - we want your input on this.

**AOB**

- Zine update - this will be printed ready to distribute from 12 May - thanks for everyone's input.

**Date of next meeting:**

We would like to try a meeting in person on either **Saturday 29 May or Saturday 5 June** - please do let us know your preference. This will be on a green space near East Street Arts/Bridge Community Church.